Mr. A. B. Salem.—If the cut was accepted, has not the Government agreed to it?

President.—Accepting the cut is agreeing to it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Then why has not the Government recovered the money?

President.—That is a wrong acceptance. The matter will be brought before the Council again for setting matters right. We will have to face that question in the next Budget Session.

Kodakara-Vallikulangara Road.

660. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken regarding the further working of the Kodakara-Vallikulangara road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The estimate is being got ready for proceeding with the work.

Sub-Inspectors stationed in one and the same place.

661. **Dr. A. R. Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the Sub-Inspectors stationed in one and the same locality for more than 3 years?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Mr. Innocent Pappali.
(2) Mr. B. V. Thomas.
(3) Mr. P. Rama Pisharodi.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it the custom to retain the same Police Officer for more than three years in one and the same locality? Is there any rule for guidance?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—There is no special rule or regulation.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it customary? Generally is it not a fact that the officers are removed after a certain period from place to place?

President.—Is there any unwritten rule?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Generally they are being transferred and all these Sub-Inspectors are under orders of transfer now.

President.—That is another matter.

Appointment of Mr. George as Sub-Inspector.

662. **Dr. A. R. Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) is it a fact that Head constable No. 218, Mr. George, was appointed to act as Sub-Inspector, ignoring the claims of Mr. P. Madhava Menon, Station House Officer, Ernakulam;

(2) is it not a fact that Mr. P. Madhava Menon already acted as a Sub-Inspector;

(3) if the answers are in the affirmative, kindly state the reasons for preferring Mr. George's claims for the post?

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Nobody's claims were passed over in appointing Head constable No. 218 to act as Sub-Inspector.

(2) Yes, prior to the Government Order prohibiting the promotion of non-graduate Head constables as Sub-Inspectors even in temporary vacancies without the previous sanction of the Diwan.

(3) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to part (1).

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is there any complaint against this Madhava Menon or is any departmental punishment put upon him?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I claim notice.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not a fact that he has served more than 10 years in this Department?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon —Notice.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it a fact that he is a Station House Officer at Ernakulam?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—He is not.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Has he ever been in charge of the Station House?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—For some time he was so.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was there an order by Mr. Krishna Menon, when he was the Commissioner, about his priority claims over Mr. George?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Notice.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What was the reason for this preference shown?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—According to the answers given, no preference is shown.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—How many years' service is put in by Mr. George and Mr. Madhava Menon respectively?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Notice.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Yes, notice, that is all what I want.

President.—But I don't think you insinuate anything.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Give answers to questions. There are all the Heads of Departments there and there are clerks. You say notice, notice. You are entitled to do that.

President.—What is it that you want to know?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I want to know the service of Mr. George and Mr. Madhava Menon.

President.—He is not prepared with the file.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I asked how many years of service they have got and you simply say notice. May I know whether it is not a fact that Messrs. Poulose and George have been promoted over the head of this number 218?

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—How can I say, Sir ? I want notice.

President.—You can prepare fresh questions on this as exhaustively as possible.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is there a present law that Head constables may be appointed as Sub-Inspectors ?

President.—Were they put over any one?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Yes, Sir, the Head constable here was put over.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—If they get exemptions to this post, they may be appointed.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I do not want to ask any more questions. I shall come to this afterwards.

President.—Prepare fresh questions on this as exhaustively as possible.

It is time, I think; but let us complete question 663, Vellattanjur Panchayat.

Vellattanjur Panchayat.

663. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(a) when the elections to the Vellattanjur Panchayat were over;

(b) to which of the villages in the group is nomination allowed and when were the nominations gazetted after the elections were over; if there was any delay, what was the cause of the same;

(c) did the nominated members belong to the village for which nomination was effected; if not, what was the reason for such nominations;

(d) when was the election of the President made; how many times was the election of the President notified; if more than once, the reason for the same;

(e) is the Panchayat functioning now;

(f) when President, Mr. Kunjunni Kaimal, was elected as such, had not one of the members who elected him, viz., Mr. Narayana Kurup, tendered his resignation; was his resignation paper disposed of when the election of Mr. Kunjunni Kaimal as President was effected;

(g) was not the resignation tendered by Mr. Narayana Kurup accepted by the acting Diwan, Mr. Damodara Menon, and was not the Superintendent of Panchayats asked to nominate another member in his place; when was this order;

(h) did the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats again recommend the nomination of the identical Mr. Narayana Kurup; if so, what was the reason for the partiality;

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